



EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2814

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Paul A. Farrar	Examiner:	Ginette Peralta
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from May 12, 2004 to July 12, 2004.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2004, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1-77 and 186-189 are pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-17, 19-25, 27-32, 34-36, 38-44, 50-77, and 185-189 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Havemann et al. (U.S. 6,358,849) in view of Brown et al. (U.S. 6,168,704 B4). Claims 18, 23, 33, and 37 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Havemann et al. (U.S. 6,358,849) in view of Brown et al. (U.S. 6,168,704 B4) as applied to claims 1-17, 19-25, 27-32, 34-36, 38-44, 50-77, and 185-189 above, and further in view of Ting et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

The Office Action fails to state a prima facie case of obviousness with respect to claims 1-17, 19-25, 27-32, 34-36, 38-44, 50-77, and 185-189.

In the prior response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2003, Applicant indicated that Havemann et al. is an improper reference. Further, the Applicant indicated that